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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: POSSIBLE MEETING IN NEW YORK BETWEEN
ROGERS AND GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER WILLS

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. HAVING BEEN BLOCKED FROM THE USE OF BARBADOS AND
TRINIDAD AS REFUELING STOPS FOR THEIR ANGOLAN AIRLIFT,
THE CUBANS HAVE TURNED TO GUYANA. THE GUYANESE GOVERN-
MENT MAY WELL DECIDE TO ASSIST THE CUBANS, BUT THERE MAY
STILL BE SOME HOPE OF DELAYING, LIMITING OR EVEN DENYING
COMPLETELY THE USE OF THE GUYANA AIRPORT TO THE CUBANS.

2. ON THIS MATTER, GUYANESE PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM WILL
GIVE A GOOD DEAL OF WEIGHT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF HIS
FOREIGN MINISTER, FRED WILLS, WHOM I UNDERSTAND IS NOW
IN LUSAKA. I BELIEVE WILLS IS WELL KNOWN TO YOU, AND
HE IS REGARDED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE AS AN EXPERT ON THE
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ANGOLAN SITUATION.

3. WE HAVE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ME TO TALK TO WILLS WHEN HE TRANSITS THE U.S. ENROUTE HOME. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE PLANS TO STOP IN NEW YORK TO SEE GUYANESE AMBASSADOR MANN, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE WILLS' PRECISE TRAVEL PLANS.

4. IT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED IF YOU COULD CONVEY TO WILLS MY HOPE OF SEEING HIM WHEN HE TRANSITS THE U.S., FIND OUT HIS TRAVEL PLANS, AND LET US KNOW HIS REACTION. YOU MAY SAY THAT I WOULD BE GLAD TO COME TO NEW YORK FOR A MEETING, IF THAT IS A MORE DESIRABLE VENUE FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW. FYI. IF ASKED THE PURPOSE OF OUR MEETING, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT SINCE I HAVE NOT MET HIM I WOULD LIKE TO DO SO TO DISCUSS THE WHOLE RANGE OF REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES, INCLUDING HIS VIEWS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN AFRICA. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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